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THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 1881.

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ABOUT NEWSPAPERS.

The Jefferson Daily Democrat complains that there are a number of large business houses in its town who do not patronize it to the extent of a dollar's worth of advertising in a year. There is not a town or a city in the state that can keep up a newspaper by subscriptions alone; it must have advertisements in order to meet its expenses. Money spent in advertising in good newspapers is well invested; it repays the advertiser in increased trade; it helps to support the paper and in a greater measure than many suppose the newspaper benefits the town by keeping it constantly before the public. Without her newspapers Texas would be little better known than "Alaska" as a means of making the state and her resources known the newspapers take the front rank. Do those who withhold patronage from their local paper ever stop to ask themselves what kind of a figure their town would make make without a lively and progressive newspaper. What would Galveston be without her News, Dallas without the Herald, Houston without the Post, San Antonio without the Express or Austin without the Statesman; the list might be increased by naming all the leading towns and their leading papers. Every business man and every property owner should be interested in maintaining a good representative paper in his town or city, and they should each and every one support it to the extent of their ability, the business men should advertise and every property owner should subscribe for the paper. How many property owners and business men have ever given this subject their serious consideration?

The accounts from the western hog crop are perhaps more discouraging to the southern man who expects to buy his meat at a western smoke-house than those of the corn crop. The reports published by Chicago papers represent the number of hogs as being small in size and poor in condition. Last winter was severe on young hogs, and the crop of pigs now growing is small. These facts, connected with the deficiency of food to fatten on, makes the meat prospect look bad. The remedy of the southern man is economy in using what he produces, and fatten and pickle all the beef he can this fall while his pasturage is good.

The Chicago, Texas and Mexican railway is having a lively time on the Ritter farm near Dallas. Grading has been commenced and as soon as a gang of hands goes to work they are arrested and the company puts on new hands; several gangs have already been arrested and bailed out by the railroad. A lively law suit will be the result.

EVIDENCES of the efficacy of prayer accumulate. At Fulton, Calaveras county, Missouri, a union prayer meeting, meeting was held on Sunday the 27th ult., and rain was prayed for. On the following day it did rain. Fulton is the location of the state lunatic asylum, but we do not know that this fact had anything to do with the union meeting.

A. L. BURNISSE died suddenly at his residence in Bristol, R. I., on the 13th inst. He was born in Indiana, May 1824. During the late war he was a prominent Federal general and to him is due the style of wearing the beard known as "Burnside whiskers." He was a man of generous impulses and extremely popular in his adopted state.

The Austin Statesman says it was an unfortunate day for Texas when the state sold \$2,000,000 7 per cent gold bonds for 85 cents in paper. The treasurer is now buying these bonds at 130; the Statesman says the state saves money by this course.

The board of examiners for the West Point cadetship in the gift of Col. Jones have reported James Raymond, of Austin, and P. Kessler, of Brenham, as equally proficient and declined to indicate a preference.

With the utterly aesthetic utter is now the favorite adjective. The aesthetic editor of the Dallas Herald says the "cool nights make sleep an utterly utterly luxurious luxury." All of which is the most utter nonsense.

An exchange says it believes the masses of the people of Texas are in favor of a whipping post law, but there is a class of sickly sentimentalists who raise their voices against it; they have to be converted.

JNO. T. CRISP the man who Gov. Roberts wants brought back to Texas for murder, is preparing to make a contest for the democratic nomination for congress in his district. Crisp is an unscrupulous politician.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Fort Worth has been written up at length by the Houston Age.

JAMES G. FAIR, of California, is worth \$42,000,000 and still he is unhappy.

The president is getting along finely and seems in a fair way of recovery.

The indications are that the constitutional amendments have been defeated.

JEFF DAVIS arrived in London on the 5th inst. He is not in good health.

The president continues to improve although he is not yet regarded as out of danger.

AND now it is said a Massachusetts man has named his newborn baby-boy Guitau.

EX-GOVERNOR WARWORTH, of radical fame, is one of the largest sugar planters in Louisiana.

HASTINGS, Mich., has an epidemic of diphtheria, there being 150 cases at last accounts.

It is stated that there is in New York 500 persons who are worth over \$3,000,000 each.

The British steamer, St. Louis, which sailed from Liverpool on Monday had 357 immigrants for Texas.

The prohibition convention lately held in New York was presided over by a druggist who sells whiskey every day.

The president sat up in an easy chair about half an hour on Tuesday. He may now be regarded as out of danger.

MR. ARTHUR, vice-president, was in his young days a school teacher and in 1840 was the principal of a large academy in Vermont.

COOKING is not such an accountable business after all. Delmonico, the celebrated New York restaurateur, paid his head cook \$6000 per year.

The San Antonio Light thinks the state should license robbers as well as drummers. It is very likely there is some sarcasm in the Light's idea.

Belton, Waco's nearest neighbor, only gave ten votes for Waco, and now that it is all over the Dallas Herald rises and asks, "why is this thus?"

The Jefferson Jimp is a greenback paper and in view of the failure of fall gardens it recommends its readers to catch and dry all the lizards possible.

The San Antonio Light says that it proposes criticising the official acts of Capt. Bob McFarland and Judge Turner whenever it thinks they need it.

The Cincinnati Enquirer puts it in this way: Flipper has only been trying to show that he has all the accomplishments of white men for official position.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., has another sensation in the arrest of ex-mayor Shelton and Dr. Brown, one on a charge of seduction and the other for abortion.

The Luling Signal says that when any enterprise is started having for its object the welfare of the town the largest property owners touch it as lightly as possible.

The permanent location of the Sun machine shops has been postponed for the present and in the meantime temporary shops will be erected at Harborsburg.

It is reported that a vein four feet wide has been discovered in the Central Hills, that contains more precious metal than the gold of California and is said to be worth \$150,000 to the ton.

HENRY WATSON suggests that legislators be paid by the year instead of by the day. They would then finish their business in the shortest possible time and go home.

The Brazoria Independent says that the surveyors of the Palmer-Sullivan were at Oyster creek last Tuesday and that it is understood that the road will cross the Brazos at Columbia.

THOMAS NEAL, a madman, on the morning of the 2d inst., at a mechanics boarding house in Chicago, got up out of his bed and shot five men, one after the other. One or two of them are fatally injured.

At Fort Smith, Ark., last Friday, five men, three white and two Indians, were hanged for murders committed in the territory. All five of them were certain that they were going straight to heaven.

A mob of one hundred men rode into the town of Dardanelle, Ark., a few days ago and taking out two prisoners, put ropes around their necks, dragged them some distance and hung them on trees.

COMPLAINTS are becoming common throughout the state of the inadequate facilities offered by the Western Union Telegraph company, whose officers are now over crowded with business.

MISS ROSA WALLACE is post-mistress at Washington, Ark.; she is giving general satisfaction, but a republican named Lee Crow has claims on the government and is working to have Miss Wallace removed.

ALL persons who start newspapers without experience or plenty of money may conclude that "this is short." So says an experienced newspaper man.

The great strike at New Orleans has virtually ended; there has been mutual concessions on both sides. A riot occurred on Saturday; a man named Hawkins was killed by a policeman while resisting arrest.

PROHIBITION in Kansas is acknowledged to be a flat failure by all except the prohibition papers. In the larger towns liquor is sold openly and in the smaller ones on the sly. The prohibition law is held in contempt.

They have got counterfeiting down so fine that they are making counterfeit honey and putting it up in counterfeit honeycombs made of paraffine while the supposed honey is made of glucose. This is interfering with the legitimate business of the bees and also swindling the public.

The Dallas Herald advocates truck farming. This species of farming is no doubt profitable, but it requires experienced hands to get the "truck" ready for market at the proper time. If "truck" comes in two or three weeks too late it is valueless.

The Bellefonte, Penn., car works employ 220 men and pay over \$3000 weekly wages. It is such manufacturing establishments that build up prosperous interior towns as well as prosperous farmers and gardeners in the vicinity of the towns.

The New York Sun says that some democrats seem to be so confident of success in that state at the November election that they are already parcelling out the remote fruits of their victory. The Sun is not confident it has been very difficult to beat the republicans.

California has been in American possession but thirty-four years, and its exports and imports are this year more than twice as great as those of the twenty-seven states and territories which compose the Mexican republic, though California's population is less than one-twelfth and its area not more than one-fifth of hers.

STATE NEWS.

—The Brazos river is lower than it has been for years.

—Good rains are reported in northern and western Texas.

—Dallas had its first rain since July the 1st on Saturday last.

—The Colorado river at Austin is now as low as it ever gets.

—Pistol shooting at night is becoming epidemic at Giddings.

—About fifty Polish immigrants recently arrived at Hearne.

—The total assessment of Austin county for this year is \$2,591,432.

—A number of polls in Bastrop county were not opened at the recent election.

—The people of White Hall, Grimes county defeated local option by a large majority.

—The cotton crop in Denton county will average about a bale to six acres planted.

—For the year ending September 1st the receipts of cotton at Jefferson were 39,344 bales.

—Beaumont has had a big fire and they are now talking about organizing a fire company.

—There are 88 school communities in Cooke county, and 313 students—27 to each community.

—Fires in Medina county have been quite destructive and much grass and fencing have been lost.

—John Yates, of Jackson county, was arrested in Denton, Saturday, for passing counterfeit money.

—Tyler has had a mad dog excitement and one of the papers there wants all the dogs exterminated.

—Dallas has so many papers that it is difficult to get printers, the demand being in excess of the supply.

—A monster frog measuring two feet in length was captured by some boys at Port Worth a few days ago.

—Patriots, rounders and bummers are now paying attention to the municipal campaign in Austin.

—The town authorities of Flatonia will soon offer a reward of \$25 for evidence that will insure the conviction of any one unlawfully shooting within the corporation.

—The county court of Robertson county is a lively and paying institution. Last week fines to the amount of \$1200 were imposed while the expenses of the court were only \$300.

—At Hillsboro Friday Dave Derden, county clerk and Jack Fancher were struck by lightning as they were walking along the street towards the court house. The latter was instantly killed.

—A negro woman living in the Knobs settlement, Lee county, was poisoned by using a preparation of milkweed for medicine in order to save a doctor's bill. She died from the effects of it.

The Houston public school will soon enter upon the fourth year of their existence. They have, says the Post, steadily increased in popularity and are considered the most perfect public schools in the state.

A white man living eight miles from Marshall, who left his wife and took up with a negro woman living in "town" was taken out a few nights ago and well flogged with young sadists. The popular verdict is, served him right.

The engineer at the steam gin of Dr. Harrington, at Brandon, Hill county, got up 250 pounds of steam; at this point the boiler burst, mortally wounding the engineer and killing a young man. The engineer was drunk.

Wm. Ruppertsburg, a merchant of LaGrange, succumbed at the European hotel, Austin, last Friday night, by cutting an artery in his wrist and shooting himself through the heart. Financial embarrassments the supposed cause.

Martha Rucker was a short time ago a very popular man in San Antonio. He has left there and has also left a number of friends, who are peculiarly interested in him. He was the most accomplished far-aver in the town. He departed between two days.

A negro named Williams was arrested in Navasota having in his possession a fine horse that he could not factually account for. He was locked up in the jail and prevented from doing any more.

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